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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- Response to Restriction Requirement (1 pg.);
- Post Card.

Although Applicants believe that appropriate fees due in connection with this submission are provided, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17811-014 CIP (M-14 CIP). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the July 3, 2001 Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 4) in the above-identified application. With no extension, a response to the pending Office action is due August 3, 2001. Applicants believe that no fees are required for the present paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 17811-014 CIP (M-14CIP)).

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims into 3 Groups. Applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 24-40, drawn to a method for selection of keratinocyte precursor cells from the outer root sheath of hair for subsequent use, classified in class 435, subclass 325.

Applicants make this election without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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